

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Dear Friend,

During this special time of the year there are many families in great need. With your support Oasis has been able to address those diverse needs and help the entire community. **THANK YOU!**

Enjoy this last update for 2011.

## Greg Matthews:

- I'm thankful for the commitment and prayers of all those who came out to the Oasis Walkathon; and for those who generously sponsored our team for the Scotia Bank Run.
- I'm involved at Oasis with various activities including administration, preparing updates, and mainly leading and formalizing various aspects of the Oasis Urban Training Ground.
- Please pray for God's continued guidance in the Oasis Urban Training Ground, and that this coming year many more youth will be trained and inspired to change Toronto through leading transformative community service.



## Phyllis Ortiz:



- I am so thankful that I can experience a spirit of unity among the Oasis staff and volunteers as we are involved with God in doing His work at Oasis.
- At Oasis I, along with five staff and twelve volunteers, minister at each Wednesday's food bank to distribute food to about 100 families; but most of all I know that I am called to speak peace into these people's lives to give them hope where they previously had none.
- Pray that each Wednesday I can share God's peace with the lonely, broken-hearted, and those who need to exchange their despair for hope.

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**Terrance Allott:**

- As every year, I'm thankful that Oasis is there for my spiritual foundation.
- As the food bank supervisor, I get to help those who are in need of a helping hand with food to make it through the tough times.
- Please pray for our clients, especially that they will find God and see how He wants to share His love and save them.



**Erika Abele:**



- I am thankful for the strength and resiliency we see in the people we work with.
- I work in the counseling program at Oasis where we are able to provide counseling for women individually as well as through support groups.
- Please pray for all the people we serve who are waiting. Some are waiting for issues to be resolved with immigration, while others are waiting to be reunited with their families. Please pray that they may turn to Christ as they wait.

**Chris Clarke:**

- I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with the excellent people volunteering with the sports program at AMG Public School including Ramona and Andreas from the Liebenzel Mission, Ray and Chris.
- I am in charge of a sports program that runs on Monday evenings for local 4th-8th graders.
- I pray that we will be able to serve more young people in the area and start a ministry that gives them a place to learn to express themselves in a number of other ways in addition to sports.



**Scott Rourk:**



- I am thankful for the community that exists at Oasis.
- I am the church planting Pastor of Oasis Church, a new English speaking, intercultural missional church.
- Please pray for the seekers and new believers in our church.

**On behalf of the entire Oasis community, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a merry Christmas!**

**God bless,**

**Chris Ortiz**

**Executive Director - Oasis**



**Rev. Tim McCoy and Chris Ortiz at the Oasis Christmas Celebration.**